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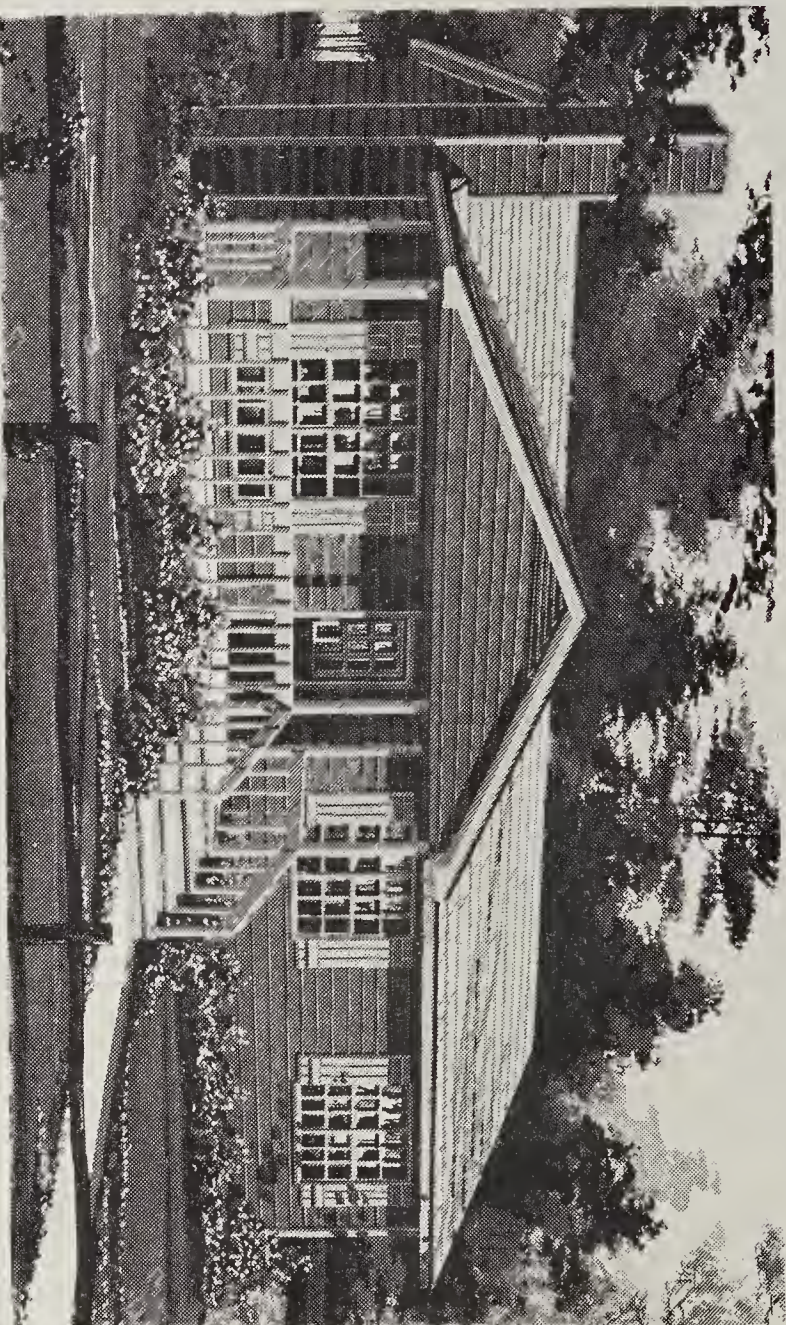
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Little Garage Sale: "A Bum Deal"

Opposition to the Reagan administration's proposal for "privatizing" the nation's five federal power agencies is already widespread, as newspapers, Congressmen from both major parties, consumer activists, state officials, farm organizations and economists have branded the plan a bad idea on various grounds.

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The controversial plan, which the President lightheartedly referred to as "a little garage sale," calls for the government to sell the Bonneville Power Administration in the Northwest and the Southwestern Power Administration in 1988. The other three agencies would be sold in subsequent years.

Administration officials estimate that this move would yield net savings of \$200 million in 1987, \$1.6 billion in 1988 and \$12.7 billion between 1987 and 1991.

Amid all the comment this proposal has generated, two stand out by offering comparisons that help to put the plan into clear perspective.

One came from Alex Radin, executive director of the American Public Power Association, who said the move is based on selling the agencies for the government's remaining unamortized investment in the facilities.

"That would be similar to a homeowner selling his house for the amount remaining in the mortgage," he said.

Meanwhile, Bob Bergland, executive vice president of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, focused on the administration's claim that the sale would reduce the federal deficit.

In an address at a recent national meeting of rural electric officials, Bergland pointed out that the government needs to retain sources of revenue in order to chip away at the deficit. The power projects are just that, he said, "bringing into the treasury more than \$1 billion a year—and they will produce revenues for many years after they are paid out."

He added: "Selling them to reduce the deficit would be like a farmer selling the gasoline to make payments on the tractor."

Describing the proposal as having had no "sound economic reason" advanced to justify it, Bergland said it's also "a bum deal for taxpayers in general" because they'd be stuck with paying for the non-revenue-producing features of the projects—flood control, salinity control, recreation and wildlife enhancement—without the power revenues that now cover the costs of these features.

The two public power spokesmen also noted that the administration's plan would inevitably bring higher electric rates for the consumers who are served by these power agencies, which oversee hydroelectric facilities that produce about 6 percent of all

electric power generated in the U.S. each year.

Since the projects would have to be refinanced at higher interest rates and the new private owners would expect to sell the power at a profit, that energy would likely cost three or four times the current rates, according to Bergland.

Radin said a recent study showed that sale would raise the cost of power for consumers by between \$2 and \$13 billion annually.

Those who'd be most severely affected by the higher costs are the millions of consumers who are served by more than 500 municipally-owned utilities and 600 rural electric cooperatives which buy federal power at wholesale rates.

In North Carolina, 23 electric cooperatives and about 50 municipal systems receive some of this power from the Southeastern Power Administration based in Georgia.

The financial impact of this program is significant: one co-op alone saves about \$175,000 a year because of the availability of the federal hydro power.

It's obvious, then, that thousands of Tar Heels would be forced to pay higher electric bills if the administration's proposal clears Congress.

It that prospect troubles you, let your representatives in Congress know how you feel. It'll be too late once the "garage sale" signs go up.

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A Prairie Home Companion Slated For Public TV Special

Garrison Keillor, host and creator of Minnesota Public Radio's "A Prairie Home Companion," brings his whimsical brand of humor to public television in "A Prairie Home Companion Television Special," a two-hour program to be broadcast at 9 p.m. on April 26.

The presentation will air over the nine channels of The University of North Carolina Center for Public Television and will be simulcast by radio stations WFAE-FM (90.7) in Charlotte, WFSS-FM (89.1) in Fayetteville, WTEB-FM (89.5) in New Bern, WHQR-FM (91.3) in Wilmington and WFDD-FM (88.5) in Winston-Salem.

Celebrating the grand opening of the newly restored World Theater, the permanent home of "A Prairie Home Companion," the television special features all of the favorite elements of Keillor's popular radio show.

It will include the humorist's stories about Lake Wobegon, Minnesota, appearances by guest artists (to be announced) and music by pianist Butch Thompson.

Keillor conceived "A Prairie Home Companion" in 1974, when he was assigned by *New Yorker* magazine to write a story on the last performance of the Grand Ole Opry in the old Ryman Auditorium, the show's home for many years before the completion of Opryland.

As a child, Keillor had listened to the Grand Ole Opry performances on the radio. Inspired by the show's excitement, he decided to create a radio show of his own.

Shortly thereafter, "A Prairie Home Companion" debuted on Minnesota Public Radio to a local audience. Today, the popular radio show is distributed nationwide by American Public Radio to more than 260 public radio stations, drawing three to four million listeners each week.

Lake Wobegon, Minnesota, is the setting for Keillor's engrossing stories about "the little town that time forgot, that decades cannot improve, where all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking and all the children are above average."

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A skydiving demonstration by the internationally famous "Golden Knights" is scheduled to top off this year's Pope Air Force Base and Fort Bragg Open House.

The event, to be held in conjunction with Fayetteville's Annual Dogwood Festival, is from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. It is free to the public.

Aircraft from all service branches will be on display. Exhibits and demonstrations by Air Force and Army members will show joint mission capabilities and also will include special rides and attraction for youngsters, as well as food and refreshment booths.

Various community and city organizations will also participate. The open house is scheduled to include an airshow by some of the most advanced Department of Defense high performance aircraft, Pope's C-130 "Hercules" transport

planes and an airmobile combat assault featuring helicopters from the 82nd Airborne Division.

Pope AFB is located next to the town of Spring Lake, just north of the city of Fayetteville.

Garden Symposium Set For May 15-17

Allen Paterson, director of the Royal Botanic Garden in Ontario, Canada, will be the featured speaker at the Fourth Annual Mordecai Garden Symposium in Raleigh, May 15-17.

The symposium, to be held at the Mordecai Historic Park, will also feature James Van Sweden, an internationally known garden expert, discussing "Garden Design for Limited Spaces."

Participants will also have the chance to attend various workshops, garden tours, picnic lunches and receptions. A book sale and plant exchange are also scheduled during the three day symposium.

For registration information, write to the Mordecai Square Historical Society at 1 Mimosa St., Raleigh, NC 27604 or call 919-834-4844.

A limited number of student scholarships are available.

Moore County Banker Gets New Term On National Board

A Moore County banker has been re-elected as one of 22 directors of the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC), a lending institution serving co-ops across the country.



James H. Garner of Rt. 2, Robbins, was re-elected to represent the organization's District 1 region, which encompasses New England, New

York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and North Carolina.

He was also elected chairman of the organization's Loan Committee.

Garner has been on the Board of Directors of Randolph Electric Membership Corporation, Asheboro, since 1965. He currently serves as secretary-treasurer of that board.

He is a senior vice-president of First Bank, with responsibility for five branches in Moore and Chatham Counties. A member of the N.C. Bankers Association, he is a graduate of the N.C. School of Banking at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Garner is a former director of Moore Memorial Hospital and a former trustee of Sandhills Community College.

CFC is a co-op lending organization which provides loans to supplement Rural Electrification financing for electric and telephone cooperatives.

NCSU Honors Go To Former Professor, Former Chancellor

A former professor and a former chancellor at North Carolina State University have been presented with the university's highest non-academic awards, the Watauga Medals.

The 1986 medals went to Dr. John T. Caldwell, chancellor emeritus of NCSU and Dr. Hubert V. Park, professor emeritus of mathematics at NCSU.

Dr. Caldwell, who served as chan-

Home Folks

Mrs. Sadie W. Scott of Micro is among 10 runners-up for the Edward E. Jones Senior National Heart of Gold Award. The honor was based on her dedication to senior citizens and friends of Micro and the Micro Senior Center Two North Carolina scientists are among 100 selected nationally to receive Presidential Young Investigator Awards from the National Science Foundation. S. Thomas Alexander, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering at N.C. State University and Nancy L. Thompson, assistant professor of chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, were selected for outstanding research and teaching potential. Each will receive grants for five years to support their research projects Georgette Brown Kimball, who teaches exceptional children in Northampton County schools, has been named North Carolina's Outstanding Young Woman of 1985 by a national group of leaders of women's organizations Francesca Adler of Fayetteville, Miss North Carolina 1984, has been named outstanding alumnus by the Pembroke State University Alumni Association. Bertine Prine of Pembroke, who has served as secretary to every PSU chief executive for the past 43 years, was presented with the association's Distinguished Service Award.

cellor from 1959 to 1975, was cited for his work as "chief architect in the development of NCSU as a comprehensive and internationally acclaimed institution of higher education."

Dr. Park, who has taught at NCSU since 1934, was recognized as "a teacher whose dedication to students, mathematics education and the university for more than 50 years has given new meaning to the definition of outstanding teacher."

The awards were presented by NCSU Chancellor Bruce R. Poulton at a Founders' Day dinner celebrating the 99th anniversary of the university's founding.

"Forgotten Past" Show Set For May 3

"Forgotten Past" is the theme of a special event focusing on rural lifestyles of a bygone era that's scheduled for May 3 at Colfax School near Kernersville.

The program will feature demonstrations of straw being bailed, boards sawed from logs and shingles made. A barbecue dinner will be available.

Admission will be \$2 per person for the show, which is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For additional information, call Howard McCollom at Colfax School, (919) 993-3525 or write to Linda K. Hill at 8818 Boylston Road, Colfax, NC 27235.

Cover Photo Shot In Lincolnton

Our cover photo this month was taken by Anita A. Sain of Rt. 3, Vale, who titled the shot, "Spring Flowers Against A Sapphire Sky." She said she shot the photo on a spring morning last year in front of Lincolnton's City Hall.

The photographer and her family are consumer-members of Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation, Forest City.

ASU Slates Three Bridge Festivals

Appalachian State University will offer three two-week bridge festivals this summer, with each session offering a different emphasis.

The lead instructor will be Dr. J. Dan Duke, ASU professor of psychology and an avid bridge player. He is a life bridge master and director/manager of the Boone Bridge Club.

All three sessions will feature instruction on modern bidding and playing duplicate bridge.

Participants will live in residence halls and eat weekday meals in the university cafeteria.

Cost is \$500 per person, single occupancy, or \$450 per person, double occupancy. The fee includes housing for 13 nights, weekday meals, 30 hours of instruction and entry fees for 10 duplicate bridge tournaments.

The sessions are scheduled for June

29-July 12, July 12-26 and July 27-Aug. 8.

For additional information write to Bridge Festival, Office of Conferences and Institutes, ASU, Boone, NC 28608. Or call (704) 262-3045.

Festival Scheduled In Vanceboro May 10

The Vanceboro Rescue Squad will sponsor a Strawberry Festival and Rescue Day at the Vanceboro Fire Department May 10, featuring a parade at 10 a.m. and a barbecue pork and chicken dinner.

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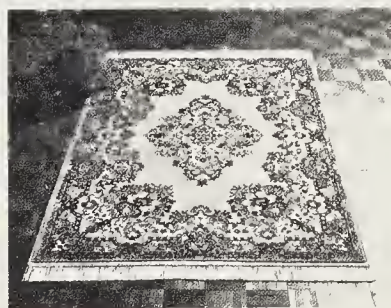
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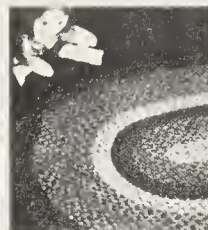
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National Awards Recognize Two Tar Heel Co-op Projects

Two North Carolina electric cooperative organizations have been honored by the National Rural Electric Women's Association (NREWA) for innovative or special projects involving women.

The national group presented its first NOVA Awards to Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation,

Lenoir, and the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives (N.C. AEC), which is headquartered in Raleigh.

The award to Blue Ridge EMC recognized the co-op for its continuing series of annual conferences for women. The series was developed by the EMC with the assistance of NREWA members.

N.C. AEC was cited for its oral history program focusing on the early years of the rural electric program and the impact of that program on rural Tar Heels.

The project, which involved EMC women's advisory committee members as interviewers, recorded interviews with 55 North Carolinians.

Material from the interviews was used to mark the 50th Anniversary of the rural electrification program in 1985. Quotes from the tapes were excerpted for a 1985 anniversary calendar, a multi-image audio-visual production, articles for historical and general publications and a commemorative book titled *Living History*.

In addition, the book is now in use in more than 200 North Carolina schools.

The oral history project and materials developed from it attracted the attention of Washington's Smithsonian Institution, which featured the project as part of its observance of the 50th Anniversary of the Rural Electrification Administration.

The audio-visual was shown at the Smithsonian when an anniversary exhibit opened in April, 1985. Also, special "live" oral history interviews featuring three participants in the North Carolina project were conducted there on May 11, 1985, as part of commemorative events. REA was established by President Franklin Roosevelt on May 11, 1935.

The oral history project was sponsored by the N.C. AEC, with assistance from a grant provided by the N.C. Humanities Committee.

NREWA, an organization of 2,500 women, seeks to further consumer and community understanding of the rural electric program.

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The most crowded field is that for the Democrat nomination for U. S. Senate, where 10 candidates are bidding for the right to oppose the winner of the Republican primary in the general election next fall.

Despite the number of candidates in that race, much of the media attention has been focused on the heated GOP contest between Tenth District Rep. Jim Broyhill and Campbell University professor David Funderburk.

Broyhill's entry into the Senate race has set the stage for the Tenth District to elect its first new Congressman since Broyhill was first elected in 1962.

Three Republicans and five Democrats are involved in contests for the party nominations in that district.

Meanwhile, the Third District will also be selecting a new Congressman because Rep. Charlie Whitley is retiring from his House seat. Four candidates are seeking the Democrat nomination in that district, but Republican Gerald B. Hurst of Jacksonville has no primary opposition there.

Hurst and other candidates who are unopposed in the primary will be profiled in the October issue of *Carolina Country* as part of the magazine's 1986 election coverage. That coverage begins with this special primary election section, which includes biographical profiles of the candidates where there are races. (See box, opposite page, for a list of the unopposed candidates.)

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Second District—Incumbent Democrat Rep. I. T. (Tim) Valentine of Nashville.

Third District—Republican Gerald B. Hurst of Jacksonville.

Fifth District—Incumbent Democrat Stephen L. Neal of Winston-Salem.

Sixth District—Incumbent Republican Howard Coble of Greensboro and former Democrat Congressman Robin Britt of Greensboro.

Seventh District—Republican Thomas J. Harrelson of Southport and incumbent Democrat Rep. Charles G. Rose III of

Fayetteville.

Eighth District—Incumbent Democrat Rep. W. G. (Bill) Hefner of Concord.

Ninth District—Incumbent Republican J. Alex McMillan of Charlotte and Democrat D. G. Martin of Charlotte.

Eleventh District—Incumbent Republican Congressman William M. Hendon of Asheville.

The candidates who responded are listed in the order in which they filed with the North Carolina Board of Elections.

United States Senate

Republican

David Funderburk is Graham Barden professor of government and chairman of the Division of Social Science at Campbell University. He served as USIA foreign service staff officer in Romania in 1975 and as ambassador to Romania from 1981 to 1985. He is the author of several books and publications dealing with Romanian history and politics. A native of Langley Field, VA, he grew up in Aberdeen. He received a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina.



Rep. James Thomas (Jim) Broyhill of Lenoir is serving his 12th term in the U. S. House of Representatives, representing the state's 10th District. His congressional assignments include: vice chairman of Congressional Textile Caucus, member of Republican Task Force on Trade, Congressional Footwear Caucus, Congressional Rural Caucus, Congressional Sunbelt Caucus, Task Force on Regulatory Reform, Task Force on Health and the Environment, Task Force on Energy and Natural Resources and Energy and

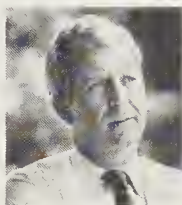


Commerce Committee. He is a native of Lenoir, received a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is a former executive of Broyhill Furniture Industries.

Glenn Miller of Rt. 1, Angier did not respond.

Democrat

Thomas (Fountain) Odom Sr., is a partner in the law firm of Weinstein, Sturges, Odom, Groves, Bigger, Jonas and Campbell. He is a member and former chairman of the Mecklenburg County Commissioners. A native of Rocky Mount, he received the B.A. and LL.D. degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Katherine H. Harper is president of Harper Companies International, Harper Corporation of America and Katherine Harper, Ltd. of Charlotte. She is a former member of the Governor's Oversight Committee for Official



Labor Market Information, former Mecklenburg County finance director for Jim Hunt for U. S. Senate campaign and former co-chairman of the Finance Committee for Mayor Harvey Gantt's re-election. A Charlotte native, she serves on the board of directors of the Charlotte YWCA and World 600 Association.

Terry Sanford is a partner in the Raleigh law firm of Sanford, Adams, McCullough and Beard. He was governor of North Carolina from 1961 to 1965; state senator, 1951 to 1955; and assistant director of the N.C. Institute of Government, 1946 to 1948. He was president of Duke University for 16 years and is the author of three books: *But What About The People*, *Storm Over The States*, and *A Danger of Democracy*. A native of Laurinburg, he attended Presbyterian Junior College and received the B.A. and LL.D. degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has also been awarded 21 honorary degrees.



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United States Senate

Democrat

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Milton Croom is president of Cal-Tone Paints in Raleigh. He is a former member of the Knightdale Planning Board and the N.C. Employment Security Commission. He served as president of the Navy



League of the United States and the Retired Officers Association. He is a native of Wake County and received a B.S. in chemical engineering from N.C. State University.

John Ingram has served three terms as N.C. Commissioner of Insurance and one term in the State House. He ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate in 1978 and ran unsuccessfully for Governor in 1984. He is a past national chairman of the

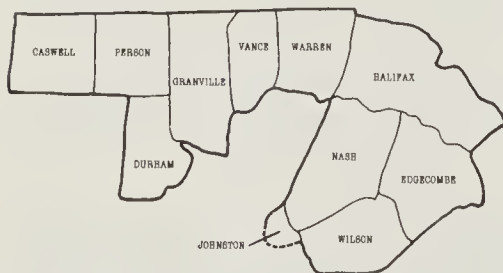


Hazardous Waste Task Force and past president of the N.C. Bar Association. A native of Greensboro, he received the B.A. and LL.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is currently practicing law in Cary.

Betty Wallace of Raleigh, **William Irwin Belk** of Charlotte, **Theodore Kinney** of Fayetteville, **Clinton H. Moore** of Newton and **Walt Atkins** of Graham did not respond.

United States House of Representatives

Second District



Republican

C. M. (Bud) McElhaney of Durham is currently working as a business consultant for Grace Heritage Schools in Research Triangle Park and formerly owned a bookstore in Durham. He grew up in Fort Worth, TX, and received an A.A. from Texas Christian University.



William (Bill) Gaster of Durham is a retired program management analyst for NASA in Hampton, Virginia. A Raleigh native who lives in Durham, he attended Thomas Nelson and William and Mary colleges as well as George Washington University.



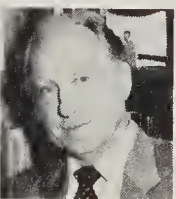
Third District

Democrat

Lewis W. Renn of Jacksonville is administrative assistant to Rep. Charlie Whitley. He was formerly vice president and general manager of a corporation operating retail drug stores and a men's clothing store. He is a former member of the Onslow County Board of Commissioners and two-term president of the Neuse River Council of Governments. He is a native of Franklin County, where he grew up on a tobacco farm.



Walter Henderson is a Trenton farmer who grows tobacco, corn, soybeans and forest products. He was clerk of Jones County Superior Court for six years and served as district court judge in the Fourth Judicial District for 17 years. He has written a book of poems and a novel. Educated in the Jones County public schools, he attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Martin Lancaster of Goldsboro is an attorney in the law firm of Baddour, Lancaster, Parker and Keller, P.A. in Goldsboro. He has been a member of the N. C. House for eight years; chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and chairman of the Highway Safety Committee. Some of the legislative committees on which he served are: Appropriations, Housing, Corrections, Mental Health and Finance. He received his B.A. and LL.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Nurham Warwick of Clinton did not respond.

Fourth District



Republican

Rep. William W. (Bill) Cobey Jr. of Chapel Hill, is seeking his second term in the U. S. House of Representatives, representing the Fourth District. His congressional assignments include membership on the Committee on Science and Technology and the Committee on Small Business. Before his election, he was a self-employed management consultant. Earlier, he served for eight years as director of athletics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He ran unsuccessfully for Lieutenant Governor in 1980 and for the Fourth District seat in Congress in 1982. He has a degree in chemistry from Emory University, a master's degree in marketing from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree in health and physical education from the University of Pittsburgh.



Jo Ann Austell of Raleigh did not respond.

Democrat

David E. Price of Chapel Hill has taught political science and public policy at Duke University since 1973. He is a former chairman and executive director of the N.C. Democratic Party. Earlier, he was an aide to U.S. Sen. Bob Bartlett of Alaska and served as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He also served as staff director of the Commission on Presidential Nomination. He attended Mars Hill College and was a Morehead Scholar at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He received a Bachelor of Divinity degree and a doctorate in political science from Yale University. He grew up in Erwin, TN.



Kirsten A. Nyrop of Hillsborough is a partner in the entrepreneurial development consulting firm of TEC-NEC. She was formerly executive director of the N. C. Technological Development Authority. Earlier, she was on the staff of the U. S. House Committee on Science and Technology. She is a former member of the N. C.



Democratic Party State Executive Committee and 4th Congressional District Coordinator for Americans with Hart Campaign. She received the B.A. and M.A.C.T. degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Wilma C. Woodard of Raleigh has served five terms in the N.C. General Assembly. Three were served in the House and two in the Senate. She is chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and a member of the Advisory Budget Commission. She is also a member of the following legislative committees: Higher Education, Judiciary, Children and Youth, Pensions and Retirement, State Government and Commerce. She received the Legislator of the Year Award from the N. C. Home Economics Association and the Citizen of the Year Award from the National Association of Social Workers. A native of Harnett County, she attended Carteret County Public Schools. She has lived in Garner for 29 years.



William W. (Woody) Webb of Raleigh did not respond.

Fifth District



Republican

Stuart (Stu) Epperson of Winston-Salem did not provide biographical material.



Lyons Gray of Winston-Salem is president of Salem Systems, an industrial and commercial roofing company. He is a former employee of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. He was co-chairman of the Fifth District Reagan-Bush Campaign and finance chairman of the Fifth District Republican Party. A native of Winston-Salem, he is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



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United States House of Representatives

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Eighth District

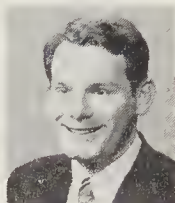


Republican

Tom Hendricks of Concord is a maintenance supervisor and project engineer at Reeves Brothers, Inc. in Cornelius. He served in the U. S. Navy for six years and received the B.S. in electrical engineering from N.C. State University.



William G. Hamby Jr. of Concord is an attorney who taught in the Laurinburg-Scotland County schools from 1978 to 1980. He has been a member of the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners since 1984 and has been on the N. C. Certification Board for Social Workers since 1985. He is also on the Piedmont Area Mental Health Board and the N. C. Republican Party Central Committee. He has a B.A. in education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an LL.D. degree from Wake Forest University.



Tenth District



Republican

Cass Ballenger of Hickory, president of Plastic Packaging Inc. of Hickory, has served five terms in the N. C. Senate and one in the House. He is chairman of the Base Budget Committee for Education. He is a past chairman of the Catawba County Republican Party and the Jim Martin for Governor Steering Committee. A native of Hickory, he attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received a B.A. degree from Amherst College.



George S. Robinson of Lenoir and **Wood Hall Young Sr.** of Minneapolis did not respond.

Democrat

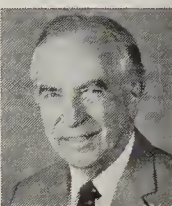
Ted Albert Poovey of Granite Falls did not provide biographical material.



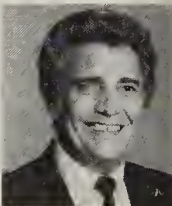
Steve Dolley Jr. of Gastonia did not respond

Denny Ray Hickman of Hudson did not respond.

Lester (Les) Roark of Shelby is an administrator in the N. C. Attorney General's office. He was campaign manager for Attorney General Lacy Thornburg and administrative staff director for U. S. Senator Robert Morgan. A Cleveland County native, he has served on the Shelby City Council.



Jack L. Rhyne of Belmont did not provide biographical material.



Eleventh District

Democrat

James McClure Clarke of Fairview is a dairy farmer and apple orchard coordinator. He served two terms in the N.C. House and one in the N.C. Senate. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1983-84. He is a trustee of Warren Wilson College and former chairman of the



Buncombe County Board of Education. A native of Manchester, VT, he received a B.A. from Princeton University.

Ralph Ledford of Hendersonville did not respond.

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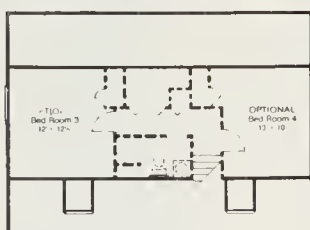
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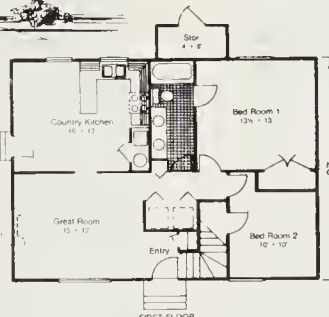
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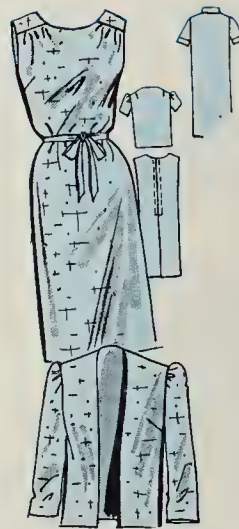
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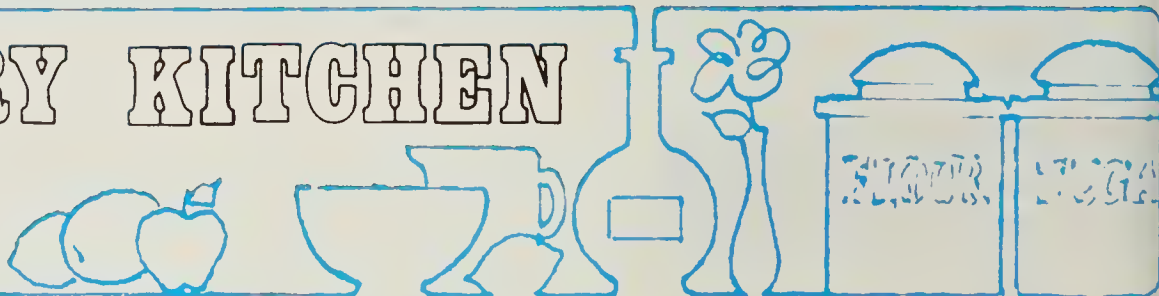
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2 boxes frozen peas (unthawed)

1 pint mayonnaise

3 tablespoons sugar

1/2 cup Parmesan cheese

6-8 eggs (boiled & chopped)

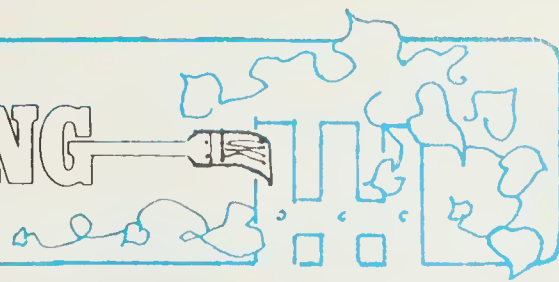
3-4 tomatoes (chopped)

bacon bits

cheddar cheese (shredded)

Prepare a day ahead. In large bowl, preferably glass so that layers may be seen, layer vegetables as listed above. Cover with mayonnaise sprinkled with sugar and Parmesan cheese. Top with eggs, tomatoes, bacon bits and cheddar cheese. Cover tightly and refrigerate overnight.

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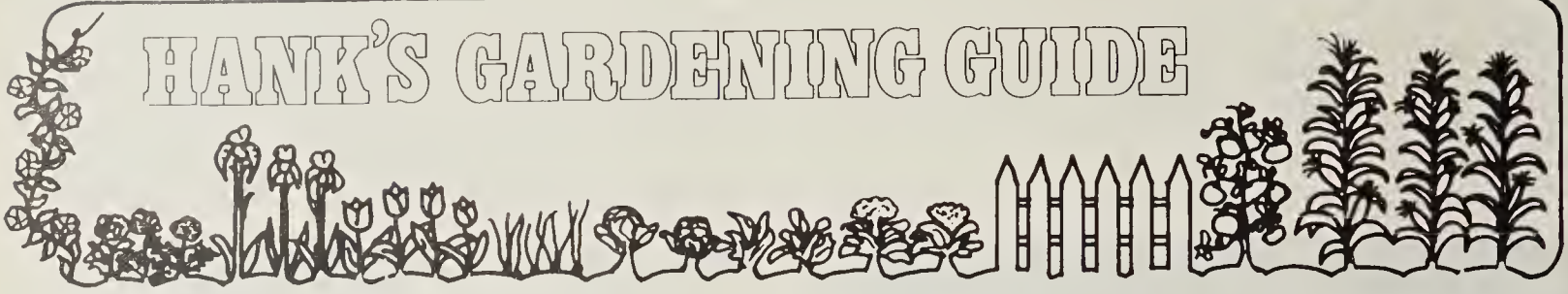
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HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE



This is the season of outdoor gardening pleasure. Activity is in high gear. Color is all about us. Spring bulbs, azaleas, dogwoods and masses of other flowering plants fill the garden with brilliance and fragrance. Enjoy it.

Get Ready To Fight

Now's the time to stock up on insecticides, preparing to fight insects that are bound to appear in the garden later on. Your local garden center will have the recommended materials to combat these pests of plants. And, you'll want to have a supply of fertilizers on hand in order to keep plants healthy and productive. Also, check garden tools and watering hoses.

Don't Overwater Camellias

Overwatering causes more trouble than any other factor in the culture of camellias. Plants can withstand a lot of dryness. Too little water in the soil becomes very apparent before much damage results.

With wetness, damage is seldom apparent until the roots have rotted and the damage has been done. There is seldom anything that can be done to bring the camellia back to health. For this reason, soil mixture for camellias must be very porous—more so than any other plant grown in Carolina gardens.

Vegetables and Herbs

By this time, you should have planted some cool-season vegetable crops, started a compost pile and prepared the soil for the summer vegetable garden. If you hurry, you can still set out transplants of broccoli, cabbage, collards, cauliflower, kale and brussel sprouts. And sow a few seeds of carrots, beets, spinach and leaf lettuce.

Now's a good time to plant onion sets. Get your irish potatoes in the ground by mid-April. And, transplant

tomatoes, bell peppers and eggplant after the last frost (usually at the end of the month).

Perennial herbs such as thyme, mint and oregano can be grown from transplants. Sow seeds of chives and dill. After the danger of frost has passed, summer-savory, borage, sweet basil and other annual herbs should be planted.

Thrift Is Extravagant

If your landscape doesn't include thrift (*phlox subulata*), you've surely seen and admired its beautiful display in your community this spring. This popular little edging plant can be divided and reset at this time. It's available at most garden centers and nurseries. Thrift multiplies rapidly. It prefers to grow in full sun. It's very much at home in a rocky soil which is unsuited to many plants. The masses of lavender flowers blanket the little trailing and creeping plants.

Some annual flowers which may be planted now include cosmos, nasturtium, balsam (touch-me-not), zinnia, salvia and calliopsis. Clarkia and godetia are good choices for poor and dry soils.

Avoid Contact With Poison Ivy



A noxious plant sometimes found growing among shrubbery in the landscape is poison ivy. The three leaflets per stem will vary greatly in size and shape.

Leaf margins (edges) may be coarsely toothed, deeply lobed or entirely smooth.

If a support is available, such as the stems of a shrub, poison ivy will grow as a vine and may climb to a considerable height. If there is no support, the plant often grows into a rounded semi-shrub.

Avoid letting the skin come in

contact with poison ivy. Its poisonous oil can cause itching and burning and often causes blisters.

For an effective control of poison ivy, spray with a recommended herbicide. Use carefully, applying as directed on the container label.

The Lawn

It's time to fertilize, lime and seed your lawn. Ask your local garden center or county agent regarding varieties suitable for sunny, shaded and partially shaded areas.

Protect Transplants

Wind and sun can quickly dry out and wither transplants. Check them frequently to see if they need water.

If necessary, protect tender young plants with branches cut from trees and shrubs or use newspapers.

Dahlia Care

Bring your dahlia tubers out of storage and heel them out to start sprouting. Choose a well-drained spot, preferably one in partial shade. Cover the tubers with sawdust or peat moss and leave undisturbed until sprouts show. Keep them moist but not wet.

Dahlias that were left in the ground through the winter should be lifted to slow down sprouting. Dig the clumps, leaving dirt attached to tubers. Store in a dry place until late May. Late planted dahlias give much better fall blooms.

You'll want to get the soil ready for your dahlia bed. Use super phosphate and potash and plenty of humus. Work these well into the soil. And collect wooden stakes to use in supporting plants as they grow and mature. Stakes should be at least five feet tall, but six feet is even better.

Care Of The Easter Lily

If you received an Easter lily, the bulb may be saved by planting outdoors immediately after blooming.

Plant seven to nine inches deep. It will need winter protection. Since your plant was forced into bloom for Easter, it may not come into bloom at Eastertime next year. However it makes a nice fragrant addition to the flower garden anytime it blooms.

Stagger Glad Plantings

For a long period of garden color and a supply of cut flowers, you'll want to stagger your plantings of gladiolus. Plant corms every two weeks through July. Large jumbo corms should be planted six to seven inches deep in sandy loam and about four inches deep in heavy soil. Small corms may be planted at shallower depths. Plant small cormules about two to three inches deep.

Glad grow satisfactorily in a variety of soils but perform best in a loose and friable soil well supplied with organic matter. An ideal soil is well-drained sandy loam located in full sunlight. A site protected from wind helps ensure straight stems during growth.

Glad vary in length of time from planting to bloom. A few examples of the number of days from planting to maturity for some of the hundreds of varieties are:

Aflame	75	Picardy	77
Albania	72	Minuet	75
Betty Snow	71	W. H. Phipps	85
Break O'Day	59	Golden Frills	53
Cara Mia	53	Mary Pickford	63

By counting back on the calendar, it is possible to plant corms for a supply of cut flowers for a scheduled summer event.

Example: If white glads are desired, try varieties Carmen Syha, 75 days; Early Snowflake, 73 Albatross, 63; Mammoth White, 69. Add three days to allow for well-opened flowers.

Leaf Fall

Don't be alarmed if evergreens such as Southern magnolia, photinia, cleyra, gardenia and abelia are shedding leaves. This is a natural leaf drop. Mature leaves are being replaced by new growth.

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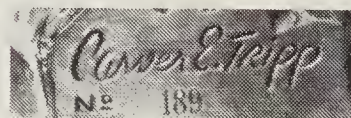
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19	French Broad, Marshall	Registration: 12:00 noon Business Meeting: 1:30 p.m.	Moore Auditorium, Mars Hill College
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WASHINGTON SCENE

Will Plans To "Privatize" Federal Power Operations Put TVA On Auction Block?

President Reagan's proposal to sell five federal power marketing agencies has congressional members from the seven states served by the Tennessee Valley Authority worried that the TVA may be next as the president tries to "privatize" the business of selling electricity.

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It has long been a publicly stated belief of Reagan that the government has no business in the electric power business. In 1976, he said, when asked, that selling TVA "might be a good idea." So his recent move to sell off the marketing agencies of Bonneville Dam and four other agencies in the West and Southwest should come as no surprise.

The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank in Washington, has suggested that the government could raise huge sums from selling off the public power agencies and the foundation has great influence in the administration. It has helped place many people in high places in the government since 1981.

In the case of TVA, it said the government could obtain \$62 billion through the sale of TVA to private investors. Congress, however, must approve such a transaction and members from the West vowed to fight the sale of the Bonneville agency and those of the other four.

The White House kept its hands off TVA during Reagan's first term because Sen. Howard Baker, the Senate majority leader, was from Tennessee and a staunch TVA supporter. But when Baker decided to leave the Senate in 1984 that constraint went with him. As a result, many on the Hill believe TVA will soon be for sale.

"If they are successful in selling Bonneville," says Sen. Jim Sasser (D-Tenn), "I think TVA will be next on the block."



Most experts agree that the plan to sell the federal power agencies would lead to higher rates for consumers



Members from the region point to the vast transformation TVA has brought since it was started by President Franklin Roosevelt some 50 years ago. To what was once an impoverished area, TVA has prevented river flooding, has electrified almost three million homes and businesses, restored forests, fertilized

fields and brought thousands of jobs.

And although the administration has proposed no sale of its assets yet, it did ask Congress, in the budget Reagan proposed, to cut the agency's 1987 funding by more than half. Such a cut would take away all funds for economic development and agriculture.

Since the Reagan budget has been turned down by Congress because it would not meet the level of saving demanded by the Gramm-Rudman budget act, the amount allotted TVA will come from Congress with a presidential veto possible.

The move against Bonneville and the other public power agencies, most observers believe, is simply the result of Reagan's long held belief about the suitability of the government generating and marketing electricity.

Those observers think his plans for the federal power system are rooted more in ideology than in economics. In fact, some say it hardly makes economic sense because these systems represent cash flow into the U. S. Treasury in the form of healthy sums in principal and interest.

Most experts agree that the plan would lead to higher rates for consumers.

"It could flatten the economy" in the states served by Bonneville, said a spokesman for non-federal public utilities in the four states.

Congressional opponents point out that there is a solid reason the government is in the power business.

"A lot of people today don't remember," said a veteran staff aide to a senator, "that Roosevelt put the government into the power business simply because the utility companies refused to run their transmission lines to the rural areas because they couldn't make as much money there as they could in the thicker populated areas. And I don't have to spell out what electricity has done for those areas where TVA and the other dams and the rural electric co-ops provided electric service."

The consensus on Capitol Hill is that TVA will suffer some budget cuts in the 1987 budget but they will be far less than the 50 percent Reagan has proposed.

Although there are only 14 senator

and 23 representatives from the actual areas served by TVA, there are many friends of government power who can be expected to help.

As for selling the power marketing agencies of the Western systems, legislators from those areas have promised an all-out fight against the proposal. They can expect help from members who have found REA to be a well-run system which is supplying electricity as it was planned by FDR as a part of his New Deal.

Meanwhile, in Washington, administration officials are going about the business of marketing the Bonneville agency as if they were sure it will be approved.

The *Rural Electric Newsletter* told of a recent meeting on how best to package the power marketing agencies so that they will be attractive to buyers. Those present heard brokers predict that ready buyers could be found waiting. This was at a meeting sponsored by the Heritage Foundation and other conservative groups.

But since the sale was included in the Reagan budget, which has been turned down by the Republican-dominated Senate Budget Committee, the proposal is now somewhere in limbo.

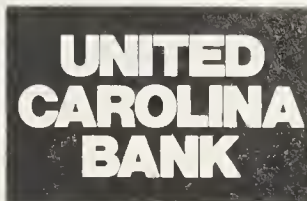
Six States Set Primaries For Second Week Of March

The legislatures in Kentucky, Oklahoma and Missouri have voted this year to move their 1988 presidential primaries to the second week in March and the legislatures in Texas will consider such a move when they meet later.

Three states—Florida, Georgia and Alabama—already have their primaries on what promises to be Super Tuesday during the next presidential primary season. It may be that almost all of the states in Dixie will go to the polls or hold caucuses that day in an effort to make as important the primary in New Hampshire and the caucus in Iowa, which will be held a week earlier.

The move to have the Southern states vote early seems to be spreading like a forest fire. If there has been any meaningful opposition to it thus far, it's come from above the Mason-Dixon line.

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Charting A Course On Co-op Financing

Candidates in the May primary election comment on how the nation can cope with the federal deficit, maintain economic recovery and assure the electric cooperatives access to capital at competitive costs.

As part of the May primary election coverage in this issue of *Carolina Country*, candidates for the U. S. Senate and the U. S. House of Representatives were asked to respond to a question focusing on the need for the federal rural electrification financing program.

Their responses, in edited form, are reprinted here.

Here's the question they were asked:

"Americans generally agree that we must maintain a strong military defense to insure the survival of freedom and democracy around the world. They also feel that the federal deficit must be fairly reduced in the near term and a balanced budget achieved in the foreseeable future.

"At the same time, however, the nation is faced with pockets of urban prosperity along with declining economic

conditions of critical proportions in agriculture which are seriously impacting farmers, small communities, small town businesses and, ultimately, the military and economic strength of the entire nation.

"One important aspect of the economic recovery of these rural areas is the continued availability of adequate capital for rural electric cooperatives if they are to continue providing reliable service to rural consumers.

"Do you generally agree with this assessment of the current situation? If so, how do you propose to address the problem while assuring that these cooperatives have access to capital at competitive interest costs—costs that will allow them to serve rural farmers, families and businesses at affordable rates?"

The candidates who responded are listed in the order in which they filed with the North Carolina Board of Elections.

United States Senate

Republican

David B. Funderburk

Last fall, I outlined a comprehensive, seven-point proposal for reducing the budget deficit without raising taxes. Basically, I proposed that we hold down spending and let economic growth produce expanded revenues to bring the budget into balance within a few years.

I favor an immediate savings in the wasteful \$13 billion food stamp program and the \$14 billion foreign aid program. I especially favor cutting off aid to Communist countries like Romania, Yugoslavia and China that use our aid to dump textiles and other imports unfairly onto our markets.

I support President Reagan's effort to reduce the deficit by cutting wasteful spending. But at a time when the Soviet Union is increasing its military spending 12%, I cannot support cuts in national defense that will jeopardize our security.

Since I grew up in Moore County, I can appreciate the needs of farmers and rural citizens. I will work closely with community leaders and individuals to develop sound economic solutions to provide for continued economic development throughout our state.

Rep. James T. Broyhill

A half century ago, the Rural Electrification Administration transformed rural America and I believe its role today and tomorrow will remain important.

Today's situation is much different from the conditions of the early years of REA. Today, to the credit of the Rural Electrification Administration, most Americans can take access to electricity and telephone service for granted.

I am in general agreement with your assessment of the current situation. The problem is that in today's fiscal environment, we must distinguish appropriate and inappropriate government intervention in the marketplace. The REA has a significant role to play and I feel strongly that this is a case where the government can play a constructive rather than destructive role.

If adequate capital at competitive interest rates is not available, we will see many of the smaller cooperatives left high and dry with no access to financial markets. I will not allow this to happen.

Glenn Miller of Rt. 1, Angier did not respond.

Democrat

Thomas (Fountain) Odom

I must say that I certainly do agree with your assessment of the situation. It is vital that the rural communities have adequate access to electricity.

In many cases access cannot be sufficiently provided by the utility industry. In areas where the industry is able to sufficiently provide the service, they should do so. In those areas where our people are dependent on electrical cooperatives and cannot raise sufficient capital, I feel the government must ensure that adequate capital is available for operations through any appropriate and reasonable manner.

Katherine Harper

I agree generally with your basic assessment of our national economic situation and have a tremendous empathy for our farmers' plight. Too often, focus is placed on failed farms without referring to the not-so-obvious effects on related industries that serve agri-business. It is time that the *total* picture was examined, as only an experienced business person has the ability to do.

I am a proponent of industrial and agricultural deregulation. The basic elements of that deregulation benefit would be two-fold in the electric cooperative situation:

Farm Aid: I would spearhead an intense effort to find alternative, private funding sources to review our farmlands. No longer can the American people morally allow the production of foodstuffs and other saleable products such as livestock, cotton and tobacco to be dumped, slaughtered or plowed under, while we import many of these products from foreign countries.

We must first secure our farms into the American farmers' hands with the private funding. No more subsidies, no more waste can be tolerated.

Secondly, we must allow them to sell their products in a competitive marketplace. We need to monitor importation fiercely to insure that our products come first. These steps will make our farmers fiscally sound and thereby secure the related industries' success also.

Electric cooperatives should be encouraged to thrive and grow. Cooperatives have a responsibility to their members to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible. Good service is good business. Cooperatives should be allowed to expand as demand for their service dictates.

Good, sound business practices and responsible operation will qualify them for competitive interest rates and this must be guaranteed long-term as well as short-term, as needed.

Terry Sanford

I generally agree with your assessment of our current situation. I feel that the rural electric program, as created by Franklin Roosevelt—and supported by following Democratic administrations—is a program that we can look to with pride of accomplishment.

Just as the rural communities of this nation were an important and vital part of our national defense system during World War II, they still serve this country in that

role today. We must assure all rural interests—businesses, farmers and homeowners—that an adequate supply of electricity will be available to them at a rate that is competitive with other utilities.

To accomplish this, it is necessary that rural electric cooperatives be allowed to retain their competitive place in the utility industry.

Milton Croom

I endorse a national defense and economic mobilization to rebuild our basic industry, rescue our farmers and make our military second to none. Such a program, initiated by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1940, led to victory in World War II and led to doubling of industrial output by 1943.

As part of this mobilization, I endorse long-term, low-interest credits for agricultural and industrial investment, infrastructure and capital goods export to restart production, curb inflation and relieve the backbone of our economy from its oppressive burden of debt.

We can open the discount window of the Federal Reserve for two to four percent rate credits that can be made available for such production generating sectors of the economy.

Electrical cooperatives most certainly qualify for such long-term, low-interest credits.

Dramatically increasing production and thereby rebuilding our tax base is the only serious approach to generating the wealth to pay for defense and other necessary programs and reduce the deficit at the same time.

John Ingram

North Carolina electric cooperatives can count on John Ingram. John Ingram will *not* be part of this administration's "giveaway" and he agrees with Bob Bergland (executive vice president of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association) that "power marketing agencies are incredibly important national assets that should not be sold in an attempt to solve another problem (the federal deficit)."

Betty Wallace of Raleigh, **William Belk** of Charlotte, **Theodore Kinney** of Fayetteville, **Clinton Moore** of Newton and **Walt Atkins** of Graham did not respond.

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United States House of Representatives

Second District

Republican

C. M. (Bud) McElhaney

I am in *strong* agreement that capital availability for rural electric cooperatives should be a high priority. I believe that the American farmer is being attacked from many different fronts and that government's highest priority must be to take the necessary steps to allow the family farmer to stay on the farm. One of the best ways to serve the farmers and the co-ops is to make sure that low-interest rates are available for their capital needs.

William (Bill) Gaster did not reply to our question.

Third District

Democrat

Lewis Renn

I generally do agree with this assessment; evaluation of this situation and I would propose to address this need in setting priorities in the budgetary process.

Walter Henderson

I support continuation of a strong national defense, reduction of the federal deficit and efforts to balance the budget in the near future.

Coming from a rural area generally known as economically depressed, great efforts will be expended on my part toward strengthening the rural economy, with special emphasis on farmers, small communities and small town businesses.

Rural recovery, being directly influenced by available capital for rural electric cooperatives, would be supported and encouraged.

When the Congress can appropriate \$100 million dollars for fiscal year 1986 for mailing newsletters to voters at the expense of the taxpayer, I am sure we can find this and other ways to cut waste and fund important programs.

H. Martin Lancaster

I concur without exception to your assessment of the current situation. As we move towards a balanced budget, Congress must set its priorities in such a way as to guarantee fairness as cuts are made.

To sharply curtail or eliminate access to capital and competitive interest rates for electric cooperatives will simply result in an even more depressed agricultural economy. The overall result will be a further deepening of the deficit, rather than any reduction of the deficit. I would oppose such counter-productive proposals.

Nurham O. Warwick of Rt. 5, Clinton did not respond.

Fourth District

Republican

Bill Cobey

I do agree with your assessment of the current situation in rural areas.

The availability of electricity and telephone service has become increasingly important to the farm communities in our country. Congress is now evaluating the mission of the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) and possible alternatives for financing rural electric utilities.

Congress has a responsibility to see that rural areas can finance at a reasonable cost electric and telephone service. I will stand by that principle as specific proposals affecting rural electric cooperatives are brought before the House of Representatives.

Jo Ann Austell of Raleigh did not respond.

Democrat

David Price

I strongly agree with the description of our economic dilemma as you have described it. The future of our rural areas depends on the continued strength and vitality of our rural electric cooperatives—and the future of our country depends, in an important way, on the strength of our rural economy.

The pillar of our rural electric cooperative system is a stable financial structure which provides assured funding at reasonable rates of interest. The financial integrity of our rural electric cooperatives, and the federal financing mechanisms that support them, would have been assured in the last session of Congress by passage of HR 3050 and S 1300. I was very disappointed that this legislation failed and I continue to support the approach embodied in these bills.

This legislation would have assured the future solvency of the Rural Electrification Administration's Revolving Fund and would have provided financial stability for the cooperatives. Rural electric systems could have secured their future loan requirements without having to go to the Congress time after time for these funds and they could have utilized competitive rates that would have helped to keep electricity affordable for rural farmers, families and businesses.

Rural electrification has been an important part of the success story we are writing in this part of North Carolina as it has been across America. Assuring the future financial stability of electric cooperatives is an important part of continuing that story and I will work for that objective in Congress.

Kirsten Nyrop

I agree with your description of the current challenge for members of Congress: to reconcile competing concerns with maintaining a strong military defense and reducing the federal budget deficit and, at the same time, providing adequate capital for rural electric cooperatives.

My own approach to reducing the federal deficit is the following. I believe we can exact greater efficiency and accountability from the Pentagon without compromising our national security. Specifically, I propose that we not provide funding for the Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars), which would yield a savings of at least \$30 billion over five years.

To raise revenues, we should close unjustifiable income and corporate tax loopholes and increase the federal excise tax on such items as beer and wine, long-distance telephone calls and airline tickets, I also support efforts to improve the collection of taxes, including the possibility of a one-time, fair and workable tax amnesty program. We should also consider a modest tax increase (to merely raise the price of gas at the pump back to December's level) in gasoline, which would raise \$9 billion in revenues *each* year; and a new import fee on crude oil and refined products, which would raise about \$15 billion in revenues *each* year.

Through this combination of reducing defense spending and temporary but justifiable revenue-raising measures, we should be able to achieve a balanced budget within five years—without cutting funding for such important programs as the rural electric cooperatives.

Wilma Woodard

I believe the current situation facing the rural South is serious. Under Reagan administration policy we have watched the strength of the American dollar grow to a point where the agricultural products of this area can no longer be competitive in the world marketplace. I am extremely concerned that the consequences of the present trends could have wide ranging effects—in a proportion even larger than the number of farmers and farm-related jobs we have.

If we turn our backs on our farmers now, it won't be long until small town business is wiped out and our cities become magnets for those folks displaced from the country. Thus, our state is threatened by the possibility of both decaying rural and inner-city communities creating a massive drain on our region's resources.

I feel that if we can restructure the debt of Nicaragua, we ought to be able to restructure the debt of the American farmer in this time of crises.

In addition to working to reduce our disgraceful deficit and ensuring that the people in our rural areas can still make a decent living, it is crucial that we continue to provide competitive capital for rural electric cooperatives.

The proposals by the Reagan administration to do away with the mechanisms that provide fair prices in less populated areas illustrate all too clearly its scrambled priorities.

Having represented Wake County in the General Assembly for eight years and having grown up in a rural community myself—I share a love of the environment, concern for thrift and a feeling for other people that is so prevalent in rural communities. If I am elected to the U. S. Congress I assure you that I will fight for continuing the mechanisms that provide reliable electric service to rural communities at prices they need and deserve.

William W. (Woody) Webb of Raleigh did not respond.

Fifth District

Republican

Stuart Epperson

We face many difficult decisions about the role of the federal government and how to balance the federal budget. Yes, we must continue as the leader of peace around the world, have a strong defense and do all that we can to see that all Americans have the opportunity to reach their potential. We have made many mistakes in the past and now is the time to realize those mistakes. We can use the current budget crisis to make those tough decisions and set the nation on a more sensible responsible course.

I believe in and strongly support the President's concept of "new federalism." I believe this policy, once in place, will help our rural areas a great deal in being able to meet the goals of supplying adequate and affordable electric energy.

I strongly oppose any national tax increase to balance the budget, because I believe this would make it impossible for rural counties like the ones in the 5th District to establish the tax base they need to provide services such as rural electrification. We have been living under a false sense of hope that the federal government can and will use its resources for this purpose. The state and local governments will do a much better job at meeting this need than the federal government has been able to do.

In addition to this, I hope we can see some real changes in our tax code which will encourage rather than discourage the formation of capital to meet these needs. Through misguided tax policy we are quickly losing our competitiveness to produce. This is true in almost every industry from textiles to electricity.

Lyons Gray of Winston-Salem did not reply to our question.

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Eighth District

Republican

Tom Hendricks

I do agree with your assessment of the situation.

Caspar Weinberger said recently that there are two solutions to our current economic problems. One is to expand the economy while the other is to implement austerity programs, as the Latin American countries are doing. Evidently, we have decided to do the latter.

My proposal is as follows:

Force the federal government to reduce interest rates to where they should be—6% to 8%; make available low-interest government loans (2% to 4%) to basic industry. This should include rubber, steel, aluminum and agriculture. They should be for material and equipment expansion only; we have to have fair trade. The average individual or company cannot compete with a product whose manufacturer is government-subsidized.

These measures should get us started on the road to an industrial-based recovery rather than a service-based recovery. The low-interest loans have worked well before during wartimes and will work just as well now.

William G. Hamby Jr.

Recently we celebrated the 50th anniversary of rural electric cooperatives. My fellow county commissioners and I were invited to attend programs which reviewed the history of rural electrification. It was an occasion to reflect on the technology which has been brought to many of our rural areas because of the availability of electricity provided by these cooperatives.

In the area of North Carolina where I grew up, my family was served by an Electric Membership Corporation. Although we often took the service for granted, electricity was vitally important in our education at school. It brought the world to our homes through radio and television. Electricity helped make farmers and rural industry more productive, creating new jobs and new opportunities for rural citizens to share in the nation's growth and progress.

Today, as inflation eases, interest rates continue to fall. The value of the dollar is beginning to make American goods more competitive around the world. The cost of fuel oil and gasoline has fallen. These events should assist in the recovery of agriculture and rural businesses. Another essential part of this rural recovery depends on the availability of electricity at reasonable rates.

Electric cooperatives have my support in their efforts to maintain adequate sources of capital for continued improvement and maintenance of the lines which bring power to rural residences and businesses.

It would be a tragedy if electricity became unaffordable or unavailable for rural families. It would cost us millions of dollars in lost jobs and educational opportunities. Our grandchildren deserve a better future, not a return to the darkness of the past.

Tenth District

Republican

Cass Ballenger

It is my firm belief that the Rural Electrification Act (REA) has been a very worthwhile program that's committed to assisting rural residents. I have seen many instances where REA has provided essential services to farmers in North Carolina.

In my meetings and lengthy discussions with people in the rural communities, I am well aware of the difficult economic times that have fallen on those areas. I will work to see that the federal government doesn't add to the problems that the small towns are already faced with.

Everyone agrees that Gramm-Rudman is going to lead to tight budget restraints for all of us, but I don't favor scrapping REA or creating more obstacles as the program tries to carry out its duties.

George S. Robinson of Lenoir and **Wood Hall Young Sr.** of Minneapolis did not respond.

Democrat

Ted Poovey

The economic recovery in these rural areas will not get adequate capital until we can get men in Congress with country backgrounds like we had when the rural electric cooperatives came about. We need farmers like me who were born and bred in the country with REA power.

Denny Ray Hickman

I am for federal assistance to rural electric cooperatives at the lowest rates that can possibly be provided by the federal government. I am for the poor, elderly, disabled unemployed and farmers receiving financial assistance from the federal government.

Lester D. Roark

I do agree with your assessment of the current situation. I grew up on a farm in Cleveland County in the late 1920s and through the 1930s. We did not have electric service in that rural community and I have long appreciated and supported efforts of rural electric cooperatives in bringing this vital service to our people.

I feel that I know and understand the needs of Electric Membership Corporations in North Carolina. As a member of Congress, I would work to meet these needs, consistently with sound fiscal policy.

Specifically, I would oppose any sharp reduction or "phasing-out" of the REA Revolving Fund. Again, this position is predicated upon reasonable levels and rates that are consistent with sound fiscal policy.

Further, I would support continued availability of REA guarantee funds through the Federal Financing Bank.

Overall, I would expect to support a program to provide adequate levels of funding for the EMCs' sound growth and extension of services. I consider this to be sound economic policy in meeting the demands in your service areas.

Jack Rhyne

Having been a member (customer) of Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation, Forest City, I'm keenly aware of the service such co-ops provide North Carolinians. Certainly I would look with favor to any program currently in existence—or yet to be—which would strengthen our rural electrification programs.

I'm aware of this nation's financial condition and that the tremendous deficit must be eliminated. However, there are some programs which should escape cuts. I believe our rural electric program is one such program.

Steve Dolley, Jr of Gastonia did not respond.

Eleventh District

Democrat

James McClure Clark

I generally agree with this assessment of the current economic situation.

To supply adequate capital for the nation's rural electric cooperatives, Congress should pass legislation making the REA Revolving Fund permanent. Congress should authorize the REA administrator to change the interest rates on loans in order to keep this fund intact.

The REA cooperatives should have continued access to the Federal Financing Bank for loans for general purposes. The lending level of the bank should be adequate for present and future needs.

Congress should not permit the nation's power marketing authorities to be sold at giveaway prices. The power marketing authorities are an essential source of low-cost power to REAs and to municipal power authorities.

Ralph Ledford of Hendersonville did not respond.

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National Publications Focus On Nostalgia

If you enjoy nostalgia, you might be interested to know that the subject is now the focus of two national publications.

One is a 16-page bimonthly newsletter published in Ironton, Ohio, titled *The Hearthstone Collection of Folklore, Nostalgia and History*. The newsletter features memoirs, reminiscences, ghost stories, how-to essays, biographies and historical studies.

The second publication is a bimonthly magazine which began operation in Milwaukee in 1984. It's titled *Nostalgia Scrapbook*.

I haven't seen the newsletter but I did have a chance to look through a copy of the colorful magazine. It included the following fascinating list of "Rules for Teachers" from 1872:

1. Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys.
2. Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's session.
3. Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual taste of the pupils.
4. Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.
5. After ten hours in school, the teachers may spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.

6. Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.
7. Every teacher should lay aside from each pay a sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.
8. Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intention, integrity and honesty.
9. The teacher who performs his labor faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of twenty-five cents per week in his pay, providing the Board of Education approves.

Both the nostalgia publications are seeking articles on appropriate subjects.

For writing guidelines and subscription information, write to them at the following addresses:

- *Nostalgia Scrapbook*, 9401 W. Beloit Road, Suite 303, Milwaukee, WI, 53227.
- *The Hearthstone Collection*, Infinity Press and Publications, P. O. Box 804, Ironton, Ohio, 45638. A sample copy is available for \$1.

Childhood Favorites Still Going Strong

While we're on this subject, I just have to mention another publication that regularly includes some nostalgia, but, more importantly, is itself part of the nostalgia many of us have for that time when the arrival of a national weekly newspaper was a noteworthy event in our families' lives.

It's *Grit*, which was once delivered by young would-be Horatio Algers in communities across the country.

The 103-year-old "good news" newspaper still comes off the presses each week in Williamsport, PA, for distribution to an audience of about 600,000 families, most of them in small towns.

Grit still has about 7,000 carriers who deliver the paper, but most of its circulation is now delivered by mail carriers. At one time, the publication had 30,000 carriers.

A sample issue shows that the weekly has kept pace with the latest trends in graphics, offering full color photos and other spots of color for a bright and inviting look.

Yet the content is not far removed from the kinds of material my grandmother enjoyed reading in *Grit* 40 years ago: self-help columns, home-maker tips and recipes, sermons, poetry and comments from readers, personality profiles, serialized fiction, sports, a kids' page and personal columns.

It's rather comforting to see that this kind of newspaper can still survive in an era when trashy tabloids have become symbols of journalistic success.

If you'd like a sample copy of *Grit* and subscription information, write to Grit Publishing Company, 208 W. Third St., Williamsport, PA 17701.

Another publication that was one of my childhood favorites marked its 75th birthday on March 1. It's *Boys' Life*, the official magazine of the Boy Scouts of America.

The monthly magazine is smaller in size now, having dropped its *Life* magazine-size format many years ago. But it's still teaching and entertaining American boys, most of them ages 9 to 17.

Its circulation is about 7.5 million, compared to the 6,100 subscribers it claimed when it began operation in 1911.

After all this time, the magazine's readers still enjoy essentially the same kinds of articles, according to Editor-in-Chief Robert Hood.

"Every time we ask in a survey what they want more of, it's always hunting, fishing, music and cars," he said.

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—Owen Bishop

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